

OFFICIAL IN A PACT WITH VICE, SAYS JUDGE

Higginbotham Ready to Take "Protection" Case to Grand Jury.

SALOON MEN VICTIMS.

Gambling-Houses Open and Police, Court Says, Are Apparently Blinded.

"Yes, I did charge that a certain city official was receiving money for protection to women of the street, and I expect to lay my evidence before the District-Attorney and to go before the Grand Jury if necessary," said Magistrate Higginbotham, in the Lee Avenue Police Court, Brooklyn, to-day, referring to his remarks from the bench yesterday when he charged that a certain Democratic politician was taking protection money.

"The man is not a police official," said the Magistrate to-day. It is too early to reveal his name, but the fact of protection have been coming to my ears for six months and I have been making an investigation. I know there are two gambling-houses east of Bedford Avenue which the police could not find if they wished to. If they are not closed I will force the police to do their duty.

How System Works.

"There is a system by which gambling and disorderly houses are made to pay protection that works this way: Some time ago a policeman made an affidavit on the strength of which I was compelled to issue a warrant against an alleged disorderly house proprietor. When the policeman went on the stand during the examination his story had weakened so from the one told to me that I might have been justified in dismissing the man, but I held him for Special Sessions and gave the policeman the choice to which story he was going to swear to when the case came up.

"The system is to arrest the man and if he hasn't made good when the case comes up the police ask an adjournment. They have often tried to get adjournments to days when I was sitting elsewhere, but I have seen to it that the date was when I could attend to the case."

Is a Man Higher Up.

The Magistrate reaffirmed the charge made yesterday that a certain saloon-keeper had placed \$1,000 in the hands of the Williamsburg Man Higher Up for protection. He said as soon as he had gathered the proper evidence he would present this case to the District-Attorney. The Magistrate's words were focused yesterday when Sophie Meyers, Mattie Kiehl and Florence Casey were arraigned before him by Detectives Powers and McDonald, of the Bedford Avenue station, who charged them with assisting men.

In the course of an investigation the Magistrate learned enough to convince him that somebody was being paid for protection, and that the son of a Democratic politician was in court ready to bail out the three women. After quizzing them closely Magistrate Higginbotham made his charges. "I do not believe the women are paying in the tribute," he said to-day. "The saloon-keepers, I understand, pay, as they are apt to have the women around to help trade."

KIDNEY TROUBLES

Increasing Among Women, but Sufferers Need Not Despair

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Of all the diseases known, with which the female organism is afflicted, kidney disease is the most fatal, and statistics show that this disease is on the increase among women.



Unless early and correct treatment is applied the patient seldom survives when once the disease is fastened upon her. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the most efficient treatment for kidney troubles of women, and is the only medicine especially prepared for this purpose.

When a woman is troubled with pain or weight in loins, backache, frequent, painful or scalding urination, swelling of limbs or feet, swelling under the eyes, an uneasy, tired feeling in the region of the kidneys or notices a brick-dust sediment in the urine, she should lose no time in commencing treatment with Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, as it may be the means of saving her life.

For proof, read what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did for Mrs. Sawyer:

"I cannot express the terrible suffering I had to endure. A drainage of the female organs developed nervous prostration and a serious kidney trouble. The doctor attended me for a year, but I kept getting worse until I was unable to do anything, and I made up my mind I could not live. I finally decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as a last resort, and I am to-day a well woman. I cannot praise it too highly, and will never surrender women about my case." Mrs. Emma Sawyer, Conway, Ga.

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Owl Cigar advertisement featuring an owl illustration and text: 'From Portland, Me., to Los Angeles, Cal., from Portland, Ore., to Jacksonville, Fla., Straiton & Storm's OWL CIGAR is smoked by more people than any other brand in the United States. A Cigar that has the approval of so many smokers must have merit.'

OLD PEOPLE Their Pains and Ailments. Any taint of the blood quickly shows itself with old people, and troubles, which a younger, more vigorous constitution holds in check, take possession of those of advanced years.

SSS advertisement: 'I had a severe attack of La Grippe, which left me almost a physical wreck. To add to my wretched condition Rheumatism developed. In a short time after beginning S. S. S. I was relieved of the pains and have gained in flesh and strength and my general health is better than for years.'

J. BAUMANN & BRO. advertisement: 'Our Four-Room Outfit at \$125 Cannot Be Duplicated Elsewhere. 3 Rooms Completely Furnished, \$75. 5 Rooms Completely Furnished, \$150.'

ONE DOLLAR A WEEK OPENS AN ACCOUNT advertisement: 'Our LIBERAL CREDIT TERMS apply also to LONG ISLAND, CONNECTICUT, NEW YORK, PENNSYLVANIA AND MARYLAND.'

EASTER at ATLANTIC CITY advertisement: 'Weekly and Dress Well. We are exhibiting the LATEST STYLES and NEWEST CREATIONS of this SPRING'S PRODUCTIONS. Every-thing in wearing apparel, necessary for MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD.'

H. O'Neill & Co HEARN advertisement: 'Women's Walking Skirts Several models, plaited and box plaited, in Panama, Broadcloths and Mixtures. Much Underpriced. \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.75 and \$9.75. Suits and Coats Suitable for Misses and Small Women. Misses' Suits—Made in blouse models and medium semi-fitting in white and colored, with and without emblems, crests, shields and monograms—sizes 1 to 5 years; prices range \$1.98 to \$16.98.'

DIAMONDS Watches Jewelry advertisement: 'Direct from the wholesaler. We positively save you the retailer's profit. CASH OR CREDIT. L. W. SWEET & CO., 37-39 MAIDEN LANE, New York.'

Walters Pianos advertisement: 'Don't Delay Walters Pianos \$1 a Week. \$350 Walters Pianos \$195. \$5 Down and \$1 Week. Walters Pianos are built to last a Lifetime.'

Pennsylvania Railroad advertisement: 'All Silk Foulards Good, firm quality—Dots and color throughout with China Silk—deep pointed yoke and bodice outlined with lace insertions—button bands—\$2.95. MAIN FLOOR—CENTRE BUILDING.'

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HEARN advertisement: 'A Great Purchase of Women's Spring and Summer Underwear. Great on account of the largeness and cleanliness of the factory where it was made. Great on account of discount at which we bought. All qualities represented—Muslin, Cambric, Nainsook and Lawn—newest styles—all garments made for this season's trade.'

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MORNING SALES advertisement: 'To-morrow, Tuesday, Until 1 P. M. All Silk Foulards Good, firm quality—Dots and color throughout with China Silk—deep pointed yoke and bodice outlined with lace insertions—button bands—\$2.95.'

White Bed Spreads advertisement: 'Marselles or satin finish Damask—allover and centre patterns in floral and other effects—new and original designs—extra large—new-trim and extra sizes—\$1.95.'

White India Linens advertisement: '40 inches wide—Sheer, yet firm—for children's Dresses, women's wear, etc.—value \$1.95. MAIN FLOOR—NEW BUILDING.'

THE NAMM STORE advertisement: 'Tuesday's Value Offerings. MERIT is the foundation stone of the merchandise we offer you. CLOSE PROFITS, the magnet that attracts your patronage to "THE NAMM STORE."'

J. MORRIS advertisement: 'Rooms Completely Furnished, 49.98. Rooms Completely Furnished, 74.98. Rooms Completely Furnished, 124.59.'